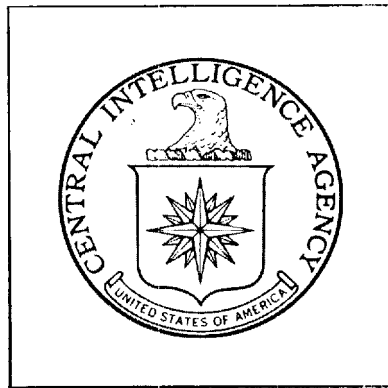


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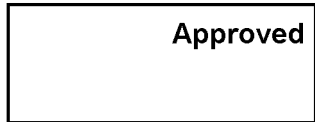
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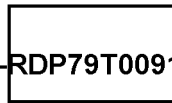
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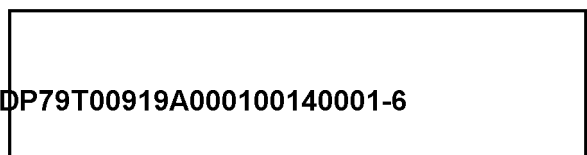
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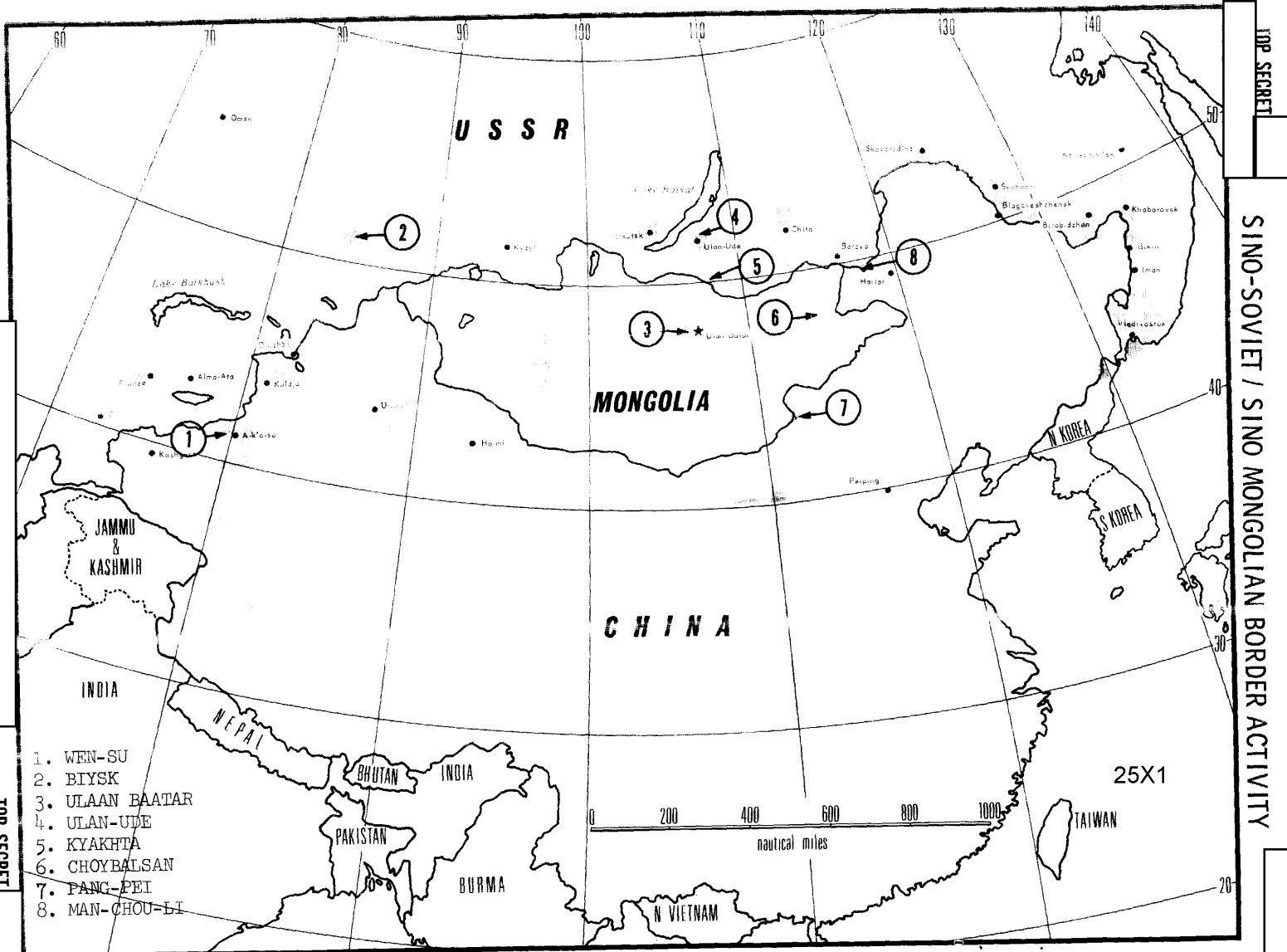
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A search of all portions of the Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border was accomplished in accordance with the prescribed procedure of analyzing each new mission in an attempt to determine possible changes in the type or level of military activity within 150 nautical miles (nm) of the Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border (significant items within 300 nm may also be included).

Figure 1 graphically illustrates those portions of the border area that are covered by photography and locates the areas described in this report. Inclement weather precludes an analysis of many previously reported areas in Primorskiy Kray (cloud cover and other limitations of the photographic quality are not depicted on Figure 1).

The following items of interest were noted

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Biysk Military Complex, USSR (52-33N 085-13E)

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Only two of the Biysk military complex installations are covered. Biysk HQ 23rd Motorized Rifle Division and Biysk Army Barracks AL-6

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A new multistory probable barracks building is under construction within the HQ 23rd MRD area. Seventy-two probable tanks, seven probable amphibious vehicles, and approximately 70 unidentified vehicles are observed within this area.

No significant changes are observed within the AL-6 barracks area. The following vehicles/pieces of equipment are observed: 57 probable tanks; 10 probable trucks; and 12 unidentified vehicles/pieces of equipment.

WAC 201

Choybalsan, Mongolia (48-04N 114-30E)

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Activity throughout the Choybalsan complex has increased since previous coverage. A new secured tent camp has been constructed approximately one nm northwest of town. This camp contains 35 Soviet-type USB-41 tents, one large and three small support buildings, and an adjacent

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motor park with 29 trucks, five utility vehicles, one truck-mounted crane, six pieces of unidentified equipment, one vehicle maintenance ramp, and one small support building. Six additional vehicles are observed in the tent camp area.

Construction is continuing on the previously reported new facilities at the east edge of Chovbalsan. Approximately 400 cargo trucks, 46 rail cars, 60 unidentified vehicles/pieces of equipment, and a large amount of unidentified material are observed throughout the area.

Kyakhta Army Barracks AL-1, USSR [REDACTED] (50-20N 106-27E)

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Military activity at this installation appears to have increased since comparative coverage [REDACTED]. A new camp with 65 probable tents, four new buildings under construction, 13 new building foundations, and a new vehicle/equipment park are observed within the area. In addition, six large and four small tents and foundations for six buildings are located on the former site of a small arms firing range immediately northwest of the main barracks area.

A newly identified Tall King radar facility is located approximately ten nm east-southeast of Kyakhta. Two Colt aircraft are observed in an open field near this facility and additional unidentified probable electronics equipment is located nearby.

The previously reported tank/assault-gun firing range and tracked-vehicle driver-training area appear to have a medium level of activity.

Ulan-Ude Army Barracks Divizionnaya, USSR [REDACTED] (51-53N 107-31E)

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A complete analysis of this installation is precluded by poor photographic resolution and partial cloud cover. No significant changes are observed within the cloud-free portion of the main barracks area. Construction appears to be continuing at a slow pace on the five vehicle storage buildings and five building foundations (previously reported) in the vehicle/equipment storage and maintenance area one nm east of the barracks area.

Activity on the flat trajectory firing range and in the tracked-vehicle driver-training area has increased [REDACTED] however, this is probably only a seasonal increase.

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The following vehicles/pieces of equipment are observed on this mission: 50 probable tanks; 100 trucks; 10 possible amphibious vehicles; 28 possible artillery pieces; 18 possible AAA pieces; and at least 200 unidentified vehicles/pieces of equipment.

WAC 202

Man-chou-li, China/Zabaykalsk, USSR (49-35N 117-26E)

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Activity within the Man-chou-li rail yards remains at the previously reported medium level. Approximately 80 POL tank cars are observed adjacent to the Man-chou-li POL storage facility and approximately 250 additional rail cars are observed throughout the rail complex. The Zabaykalsk rail yard, located on the Soviet side of the border, contains approximately 100 rail cars.

WAC 286

Ulaan Baatar Military Activity, Mongolia (47-55N 106-55E)

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Military activity continues to increase on the east edge of the city complex. A significant increase in the number of military-associated buildings, vehicles, and equipment has occurred since comparative coverage [redacted] of this area, was not of sufficient quality to allow detailed comparison.

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There are now approximately 70 probable barracks, numerous storage/support buildings, at least 50 Soviet-type tents, 10 probable vehicle/equipment storage buildings, nine vehicle parks, and 10 new building foundations located throughout the area. Five of the vehicle parks appear to be new since comparative coverage [redacted] Additional items of interest observed within the area are two tall antennas and a vehicle driver-training area.

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A probable surface-to-surface cruise missile unit with probable SSCM transporter/launchers and support vehicles is deployed in a probable training configuration on the north edge of the military camp. Comparative coverage [redacted] indicates that this unit was not present at that time. The following vehicles/pieces of equipment are observed within the installation: four probable SSCM transporter/launchers with 25 support vehicles, 11 probable tanks, 18 probable SA-2 launchers (12 with prime movers), 18 probable SA-2 transporters, six possible SA-2 cannister transporters, four truck-mounted cranes, more than 400 trucks of various sizes, seven low bed trailers, 46 possible BTR-60P APCs, and approximately 250 unidentified pieces of equipment.

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WAC 288Pang-pei (Erh-lien), China (43-42N 111-59E)

Activity within this facility appears to be at a medium level. Several rows of unidentified material are stacked adjacent to a rail transshipment shed and additional unidentified material is observed in other parts of the rail yard. The previously reported new rail transshipment yard appears to be relatively inactive on this mission with only two Chinese rail cars and four cranes observed. Approximately 250 pieces of rolling stock are observed throughout the entire complex with approximately 50 of these located on the Soviet rail system.

WAC 329Airfield Construction, Wen-su, China (41-15N 080-18E)

Partial coverage of this installation reveals that the airfield is in a late stage of construction. Construction is continuing on the parking aprons, taxiway, and a portion of the runway. A number of probable construction support buildings and foundations for probable airfield operations support buildings are observed adjacent to the taxiway. No aircraft are observed.

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